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SUBJ: GRANT AID PROGRAM FOR TURKISH AIR FORCE AND P AND A DATA  
REQUEST

1. MISSION HAS UNDERTAKEN ANALYSIS OF THE LIKELY FY 1978  
GRANT AID PROGRAM FOR THE TURKISH AIR FORCE COMMAND (TAFC) ON  
THE BASIC OF THE LEVEL OF ASSISTANCE THAT WOULD BE PROVIDED  
UNDER THE US-TURKISH DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT (DCA)  
IF IT IS APPROVED BY CONGRESS. THE PROPOSED FY 1977 TAFC  
GRANT AID PROGRAM, TOTALLING \$17.7 MILLION, WAS SUBMITTED  
TO THE DEFENSE SECURITY ASSISTANCE AGENCY(DSAA) IN LATE  
1976. BECAUSE THE DCA WAS NOT APPROVED DURING FY 1977,  
THE PROGRAM WAS ROLLED FORWARD AND THE TAFC ALLOCATION OF  
GRANT AID FOR FY 1978 HAS BEEN INCREASED TO \$24 MILLION.  
EQUIPMENT PROJECTIONS WERE REVISED AS FOLLOWS:

20 T-37C AIRCRAFT  
12 F-5B AIRCRAFT  
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10 TF-104G AIRCRAFT  
3 C-130 AIRCRAFT  
4 RF-4 AIRCRAFT

2. THE 20 T-37 AIRCRAFT ARE THOSE OFFERED FOR SALE BY THE  
USG PURSUANT TO THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES ASSOCIATED WITH THE  
DCA. ADDITIONALLY, THE USG OFFERED 14 F-4E AIRCRAFT UNDER

THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES AND IT APPEARS THAT THE T AFC ENVISIONS ACQUIRING 6 F-4E AND 8 RF-4 AIRCRAFT UNDER THIS OFFER. THE 4 RF-4 AIRCRAFT LISTED IN PARA 1 ABOVE, THEREFORE, REPRESENT HALF OF THE RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT REQUIREMENT; 2 ADDITIONAL RF-4'S WOULD BE AN FMS CASH SALE IN FY 1979, WHILE 2 RF-4'S WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE FY 1979 GRANT AID PROGRAM. THE T AFC IS AWARE THAT RF-4E AIRCRAFT ARE NOT IN THE US INVENTORY, BUT THE AIRCRAFT WILL PROBABLY BE REQUESTED, ENABLING T AFC TO COMPLETE ONE SQUADRON OF RF-4'S. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL, THEREFORE, IF PRICE AND AVAILABILITY (P&A) DATA COULD BE PROVIDED ON THESE AS WELL AS OTHER AIRCRAFT LISTED IN PARA 1 ABOVE.

3. FOLLOWING ARE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS IN AMPLIFICATION OF THE P&A DATA REQUESTS FOR THE ABOVE-NOTED AIRCRAFT:

A. GENERAL: THE T AFC CONTINUES TO BE HAMPERED BY AN AIRCRAFT INVENTORY COMPOSED LARGELY OF OBSOLETE OR OBSOLESCEING AIRCRAFT, AND IT HAS ATTEMPTED TO UPGRADE CAPABILITIES USING FMS CREDITS. HOWEVER, THE BULK OF FMS CREDITS IN FY 1976, 1977 AND 1978 HAVE BEEN UTILIZED FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF 40 F-4 AIRCRAFT (PEACE DIAMOND II PROGRAM) AND FOR SPARE PARTS AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT TO MAINTAIN THE FORCE ALREADY IN BEING. IF ATTRITION AIRCRAFT, SUCH AS THE T-37'S, F-5B'S AND TF-104G'S, CAN BE OBTAINED UNDER THE GRANT AID PROGRAM, THE T AFC WILL BE ABLE TO DEPLOY CURRENT AIRCRAFT TYPES UNTIL THE MID-1980'S WHEN MORE ADVANCED

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AIRCRAFT TECHNOLOGY WILL BECOME AVAILABLE AND THE GOT HOPEFULLY WILL BE IN A STRONGER FINANCIAL POSITION.

B. T-37C AIRCRAFT: T AFC PRESENTLY POSSESSES 40 T-37C'S WHICH ARE USED EXCLUSIVELY IN THE UNDERGRADUATE PILOT TRAINING (UPT) PROGRAM AS THE BASIC JET TRAINER. TO MAINTAIN THE ABILITY TO TRAIN PILOTS IN-COUNTRY, IT IS NECESSARY TO KEEP THE T-37 INVENTORY AT ITS PRESENT LEVEL AND TO ACQUIRE ATTRITION REPLACEMENTS.

C. F-5B AIRCRAFT: THIS AIRCRAFT IS EMPLOYED AS A PRIMARY INTERCEPTOR DAY FIGHTER, AND IT REPRESENTS ALMOST HALF OF THE T AFC AIR DEFENSE CAPABILITY. ATTRITION REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT ARE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN THE FORCE AT CURRENT LEVELS.

D. TF-104G AIRCRAFT: THIS IS A TWO-PLACE VERSION OF THE F-104G, A PRIMARY STRIKE AIRCRAFT FOR THE T AFC. THERE ARE FIVE TF MODELS IN THE PRESENT INVENTORY AND 10 ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT ARE REQUIRED TO IMPROVE TRAINING EFFORTS IN THE STRIKE ROLE AND TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT PERFORMING THE STRIKE MISSION.

E. C-130 AIRCRAFT: PRESENTLY, ONE SQUADRON OF C-160 TRANSALLS AND 7 C-130E AIRCRAFT COMPRISE THE MODERN PORTION OF THE T AFC AIRLIFT CAPABILITY. THE REMAINDER OF THE

FLEET IS COMPOSED OF APPROXIMATELY 65 C-47'S. IF THE TAFC IS TO PERFORM ADEQUATELY IN THE MODERN BATTLEFIELD ENVIRONMENT, THE CAPABILITY TO SUPPLY TURKISH GROUND FORCES MUST BE INCREASED. ADDITIONAL C-130 AIRCRAFT ABLE TO PERFORM SHORT TAKE-OFFS AND LANDINGS AND CAPABLE OF CARRYING HIGH PAYLOADS AND OUTSIZE CARGO ARE CONSIDERED AN URGENT REQUIREMENT. F. REF-4 AIRCRAFT: THE TAFC RECONNAISSANCE FORCES CONSIST OF ONE SQUADRON OF RF-5A AND ONE SQUADRON OF OBSOLETE RF-84F AIRCRAFT. THE RF-84F'S ARE TO BE REPLACED BY 8 RF-4E AIRCRAFT SCHEDULED FOR DELIVERY DURING THE FIRST HALF OF 1979. THE RF-4E REPRESENTS THE ONLY REAL AIR RECONNAISSANCE CAPABILITY THE TAFC WILL POSSESS BECAUSE THE RF-5A HAS A RELATIVELY SHORT RANGE AND DELIVERS POOR RECONNAISSANCE PRODUCTS. CONFIDENTIAL

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4. ACTION REQUESTED: WHILE IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT THE FOREGOING QUANTITIES OF AIRCRAFT CAN BE OBTAINED WITHIN THE TAFC GRANT AID ALLOCATION OF \$24 MILLION FOR FY 1978, MISSION BELIEVES THAT P&A DATA SHOULD BE PROVIDED IN ORDER TO FACILITATE ORDERLY AND REALISTIC PLANNING BY THE TAF IN THE USE OF USG-PROVIDED ASSISTANCE. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS REQUESTED THAT P&A DATA BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR THE AIRCRAFT AND QUANTITIES SHOWN IN PARA 1 ABOVE. SPIERS

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